

COUNTRY

Czechoslovakia

TOPIC Border Control in the Area West of Srni.

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REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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1. Prior to 24 April 1951, a border guard unit of about 600 troops was quartered in eight low barracks buildings in the Schlossereiwald, about 2 km southeast of Srni (Rehberg) (N 50/Q 16).
2. Units subordinate to the border guard unit in Srni included a unit of 105 troops stationed in Prasilly (Stubenbach) (N 50/Q 17) and commanded by a young senior lieutenant; a unit of about 45 men, quartered in the Schmid Hotel in Hurka (N 50/Q 07), and commanded by Senior Lieutenant Sloboda, (fmu), who was subordinate to the senior Lieutenant in Prasilly; a unit of about 40 men in Horni Steindlberk (N 50/Q 17); and a unit of undetermined strength in Modrava (Mader) (N 50/Q 26). \* One-third of the personnel of the border guard unit in Srni were Slovaks who, however, were being withdrawn because of their unreliability.
3. In 1950, a battalion of the 11th Inf Regt in Pisek (N 50/Q 69) was located in the barracks buildings in Srni. In February 1951, the battalion was reorganized into a border guard battalion which included troops of the 11th Inf Regt from Pisek and the 48th Inf Regt from Ceske Budejovice (O 49/Q 96) and was commanded by a lieutenant colonel. When the regimental headquarters was transferred to Jindrichuv Hradec (O 50/R 28) in April 1951, only one battalion of the 48th Inf Regt remained at Ceske Budejovice. \*\*

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the headquarters of a border guard unit, allegedly a battalion head-

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quarters, was located in Srni. The

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border sector of Cesenget, Hor. Steindlberk, and Mount Polednik was controlled by this unit. If the border guard units in Prasilly and Modrava, both confirmed as battalions, were actually subordinate to a unit in Srni, this unit would necessarily be a border guard brigade. According to previous confirmed information, both battalions were subordinate to the border guard brigade in Susice prior to February 1951. There have been no indications that a change of subordination took place or that the brigade moved from Susice to Srni.

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\*\* Comment. Information of 1950 did not mention a battalion of the 11th Inf Regt from Pisek in Srni. The 48th Inf Regt has been carried in Benesov.

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